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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3386

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

HICOMTERPACIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0933

HICOMTERPACIS PASS LNO STATUS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, PP, XP

SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY (SPRFA)

REF: STATE 153803

1. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE REFTEL WHICH PROVIDES US WITH
A MUCH FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION. IT WAS
IMMEDIATELY USEFUL AS SABUMEI RAISED QUESTION OF SPRFA
WITH ME DURING CONVERSATION JUNE 20 ON UNRELATED MATTER.

2. SABUMEI IS OBVIOUSLY NOT ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH OUTCOME
OF SUVA MEETING, AND HE SEEMED TO FEEL SOMEWHAT BRUISED.
HE SAID THE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER GPNG WOULD APPROVE DRAFT
CONVENTION. SAID IT WAS NOW BEING REVIEWED THROUGHOUT
GPNG ARTICLE BY ARTICLE. SAID DECISION MIGHT BE MADE
BY PRIME MINISTER IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER, OR IT MIGHT GO TO FULL NATIONAL
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3. SABUMEI SAID GPNG'S CANDIDATE FOR INTERIM DIRECTOR
OF SPRFA (KEARNEY OF SPC) WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO GPNG,
AND DECISION ON SIGNING DRAFT CONVENTION COULD BE
AFFECTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES' DECISIONS ON INTERIM
DIRECTOR. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM US OF USG

POSITION RE INTERIM DIRECTOR. IF WE ARE SUPPORTING HIM
I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TELL SABUMEL.

4. COMMENT: THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS REPRESENTED
THE FAILURE OF A PNG POLICY AND SOME SORENESS SHOULD BE
ANTICIPATED. THE POLICY WAS FORMULATED BY EXPATRIATE
ADVISORS BUT THE ASPECTS OF THE POLICY THAT TOUCHED ON
SOVEREIGNTY HAD STRONG APPEAL AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL.
THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE WITH SOME REGRET BUT I
BELIEVE THAT GPNG WILL IN FACT APPROVE DRAFT CONVENTION
AND AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER AGREES WITH THIS
ASSESSMENT.
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